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## PLAN TO END MURPHY'S RULE IN TAMMANY BEHIND MURDERS IN FOLEY-ROFRANO FEUD

### GERMANS GAINING GROUND IN GREAT BATTLE AT VILNA; RUSSIAN LINES PIERCED

Capture of City Will Give  
Gen. von Hindenburg Con-  
trol of Railroad Line.

RUSSIA CLAIMS GAINS.

Petrograd Reports the Capture  
of 3,500 Men and Sev-  
eral Maxims.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 18.—A violent  
battle for Vilna has begun. The Ger-  
mans are attacking in great force  
east of the city, which is one of the  
keys to the defense of Riga.

The Germans have cut the rail-  
way line between Vilna and  
Molodechno, and the only outlet  
by rail from Vilna still remaining  
in Russian hands is the line run-  
ning southward to Lida. The War  
Office maintains that there are  
sufficient wagon roads for use in  
emergency. It is stated that a  
decision concerning the retention  
longer of Vilna will be reached  
soon.

The Lida Railway line has been  
under sharp attack to the west-  
ward of Lida. In an effort to  
check the German cavalry, the  
Russians are developing strong  
cavalry forces in the Vilna dis-  
trict.

The official statement from the  
War Office to-day emphasized the  
fact that the fighting around Vilna  
is the greatest struggle now going  
on along the battle line from the Baltic  
to Galicia. It is not improbable that  
the Czar will order the evacuation  
of the city within a few days if the  
enemy's attacks threaten the en-  
velopment of the armies in that region.

The city is in danger of attack  
on three sides. The troops of  
Field Marshal von Mackensen  
have reached a point near Vileika,  
thirty-six miles southeast of the  
city. The fall of Vilna would  
place in possession of the Ger-  
mans a considerable section of the  
railroad to Petrograd, a portion  
of which, between Dvinsk and Vilna,  
they already hold.

"In renewed fighting for the pos-  
session of Derazno, we drove the  
enemy from the outskirts," said the  
official statement. "Enemy forces re-  
treated upon the village of Rudak-  
ramovka, which was stormed and  
captured by Russian troops, who  
took 2,000 prisoners and four Max-  
ims."

"Near the frontier village of Gon-  
towo, we counter-attacked suc-  
cessfully, taking twelve officers, 540  
men and three Maxims. In the Strypa  
River region, north of Buczacz, we  
captured fourteen officers and 800  
men. Northwest of Buczacz we oc-  
cupied the villages of Janowka and  
Piawla, the enemy fleeing in dis-  
order."

BERLIN, Sept. 18 (via London).—  
Russian advance positions have been  
taken in an attack on the Dvinsk  
Bridgehead, and the Russian front  
has been broken through to the south  
at several points between Vilna and  
the Nieman River, it was officially  
announced by German army head-  
quarters to-day.

Carranza Mobilizes Troops for Ma-  
ximilian Campaign.  
MAZATLAN, Mex., Sept. 18 (via  
radio to San Diego, Cal.).—Three thou-  
sand Villa troops under Gen. Buena  
have advanced to Acapulco, a town  
about seventy miles south of Mazatlan,  
according to advices received here to-  
day. In the vicinity of Mazatlan 7,000  
Carranza troops have mobilized under  
Gen. Diegues and the indications are  
for an active campaign between the op-  
posing forces.

### BABY HAD "NICE RIDE" WHILE BRONX POLICE SEARCHED FOR HER



LILLIAN ZIMMERMAN  
Slipped Into Subway and  
Was Found Over in  
Brooklyn.

With memories of the "ripper" mur-  
ders spurring them on, the police of  
the Bronx, aided by numerous volun-  
teer searchers, combed the neighbor-  
hood of Dawson Street and Intervale  
Avenue from 9 o'clock last night until  
this morning trying to find little Lil-  
lian Zimmerman, two years and nine  
months old, who had disappeared last  
evening.

The case was puzzling in the ex-  
treme. The child had trotted away  
from in front of her home, No. 876  
Dawson Street, and around the curve  
leading to Intervale Avenue. Her  
mother saw her going and started  
after her. When the mother got  
around the curve the child had van-  
ished utterly and a most thorough  
search of all the hallways, cellars,  
areaways and yards in the neighbor-  
hood failed to yield a trace of her.

The one place the searchers forgot  
to inquire was in the subway station  
at Intervale Avenue, and probably  
that would have done no good, for  
the secret of how little Lillian evaded  
the ticket chopper, boarded an ex-  
press train and got off in Brooklyn  
doubtless will remain locked forever  
within her childish breast.

She was reported from the home of  
the Children's Society on Schermer-  
horn Street this morning, where it  
was said she had been found on the  
platform in the Atlantic Avenue Sub-  
way station last night at 8:45 o'clock  
by Patrolman Daniel Finnell. Her  
father then recalled that every time  
he took the child for a walk she in-  
sisted on taking a ride up the moving  
stairway leading to the Intervale  
Avenue Subway station. It is pre-  
sented that she took the stairway as  
usual last night and then continued  
gayly on her way.

She was having a good time playing  
with five other lost children when her  
mother came after her and did not  
want to leave the detention home at  
all. Her only explanation of her trip  
was that she had had a "nice ride."

### FIND NO TRACE OF BANK TELLER IN AUTO MYSTERY

Bradley's Accounts Seem Cor-  
rect and Disappearance Can-  
not Be Explained.

BROODED OVER SON.

Much Affected When Little  
Boy Died After Auto Acci-  
dent—His Wife Talks.

Harry S. Bradley, mail teller of the  
Merchants' National Bank at No. 43  
Wall Street, is still missing to-day  
and no news has been heard of him,  
although an investigation has been  
carried on vigorously ever since his  
motor car was found yesterday lying  
partly in Cove Pond, near Stamford,  
Conn. It was thought at first that he  
might have been killed by robbers and  
his body thrown into the pond, but  
no trace of him could be found,  
nor was there any trace of two suit  
cases he had taken with him.

Joseph Byrne, vice president and  
cashier of the Merchants' National  
Bank, made a statement to-day about  
the case. He scouts the idea that  
there was anything wrong with Brad-  
ley's conduct in the bank.

"Mr. Bradley," said Mr. Byrne, "was  
not the note teller of the bank, as has  
been asserted, but mail teller, and in  
that capacity handled no money or  
notes, but hundreds of checks from out-  
of town banks and customers. He  
handled thousands of dollars' worth  
of checks every day. There is nothing  
to indicate that he appropriated  
any of the checks or the proceeds from  
the checks."

"We have received no complaints  
from banks or customers regarding  
checks that he handled, but we are  
looking over his affairs, having started  
the investigation yesterday, as  
soon as we heard of his disappearance  
through the Aetna Bonding  
Company, which furnished the bond  
for Mr. Bradley."

"We have no expert accountant  
making an inquiry and we have dis-  
covered nothing whatever of a suspi-  
cious nature. Everything was all  
right when he left on his vacation on  
Sept. 8."

Mr. Bradley told his mother on  
Thursday that he was going to make  
a little visit to a friend in New  
Haven. He had three suit cases in  
the car when he left her home in West  
Avenue at 7:30 Thursday evening.  
Nothing has been heard from him  
since.

A woman's voice answered the tele-  
phone at Bradley's home to-day. The  
speaker said Mrs. Bradley was not  
at home and that no word had been  
received from Mr. Bradley since he  
went away.

"If there was anything to prompt  
him to disappear," said the speaker,  
"it was brooding over the death of  
his little boy a year ago. He worried  
a great deal over that."

"The little boy was injured in an  
auto accident and died soon after."  
Mrs. Bradley, wife of the missing  
teller, arrived this morning at the  
home of her husband's mother.  
"I am utterly at a loss to under-  
stand my husband's disappearance,"  
said Mrs. Bradley.  
"When Harry went away last  
Wednesday he took a quantity of  
money with him, besides a diamond  
ring and a diamond stickpin. I felt  
sure at first that he had been at-  
tacked by robbers; but since I've  
been here and learned more details  
I don't know what to believe."  
"My husband was a good man. He  
never went out nights, except once a  
week to his Masonic lodge. I cannot  
believe he committed suicide, for he  
always saw the bright side of things.  
He told me he was going to New  
Haven to see a man on important busi-  
ness for the bank. He had only one  
suit case. Where the other two came  
from I cannot guess. He promised to  
be home to-night; but I have not  
heard a word from him."

### Holds Long-Distance Kiss Record And Wants Man to Pay \$150,000



Mrs. Cecilia M. Virginia Davis of  
Chicago tells of a kiss that makes the  
far-famed Netherlands buss resemble  
a slap on the wrist. Mrs. Davis,  
whose soulful features are herewith  
presented to view, says that Robert  
N. Eastman kissed her for two hours.  
She is suing Mr. Eastman for \$150,000.  
The ardent and persevering Mr.  
Eastman is President of the W. F.  
Hall Publishing Company of Chicago.  
Should judgment be rendered against  
him for the amount claimed by Mrs.  
Davis his record-breaking long-dis-  
tance kiss will cost him \$1,250 a min-  
ute.

### TRY TO MOB DRIVER WHEN BOY IS KILLED

Police Reserves Have to Fight Big  
Crowd to Rescue  
Tiolola.

Riotous scenes took place on the  
lower East Side to-day when Benja-  
min Tiolola, six years old, of No.  
13 Eldridge Street, was killed by an  
automobile. Crowds of Jewish New  
Year were walking about in the  
neighborhood and they gathered  
around the wagon and tried to get  
at the driver, Frank Tiolola.

It was with difficulty that re-  
serves from the Clinton Street  
Station took Tiolola and the boy's  
body to the station house. Thou-  
sands followed and then those who  
wanted to get a look at the boy,  
believing he might be a relative, be-  
gan fighting to get into the squad  
room, where the body lay.

Several children had run in front  
of the vehicle. The dead boy  
was among them. He slipped and  
fell in front of the wheels, which  
passed over his head.

### GERMANY MAY ANNEX BELGIUM TO EMPIRE

Similar Disposition May Be Made  
of the Conquered French  
Territory.

GENEVA, Sept. 18 (via Paris).—  
The Lausanne Gazette says it has  
learned that the German Government  
has decided to issue a declaration an-  
nouncing to the German Empire the  
annexed territories in France and  
Belgium.

### DR. HILLIS SUED FOR \$50,000 LIBEL BY HIS NEPHEW

Plymouth Church's Pastor De-  
fendant as Result of Explana-  
tion of Money Troubles.

HE REFUSED TO RETRACT

Preacher Alleged to Have Said  
He Had Assumed Liabilities  
of Nephews.

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of  
Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, whose  
financial affairs have been a subject  
of discussion among the members of  
the Board of Trustees of the church,  
was served with a summons to-day in  
a \$50,000 libel suit brought by his  
nephew, Percy D. Hillis, of Rocky  
Mount, B. C.

The papers in the suit have not  
been filed, but it is the outgrowth of  
Dr. Hillis's alleged explanation of his  
reported monetary difficulties. The  
delay in the filing of the papers is  
said to have been occasioned by a de-  
sire to give the minister an oppor-  
tunity to repudiate two interviews  
attributed to him.

William A. Moore, a Brooklyn law-  
yer who represents Percy Hillis, de-  
clined to make public the contents of  
the formal complaint, but said:  
"When the Rev. Dr. Hillis was  
lecturing at Chautauque, in the  
vicinity of Portland, Ore., on July  
13, a suit was instituted against him  
on account of notes amounting to a  
little more than \$12,000 by Brayton  
& Lawbaugh, of Chicago and Port-  
land, who had 'crucified' several  
years previously large timber tracts  
in British Columbia owned by Dr.  
Hillis, and for which services he had  
given them his note."

"As a result of that lawsuit an ar-  
ticle appeared in the Brooklyn Daily  
Eagle the following day, and in the  
Morning Portland Oregonian, July 15,  
another article appeared reporting  
an interview with Dr. Hillis. In both  
of these articles it was affirmed that  
the suit was brought on account of  
obligations which Dr. Hillis had as-  
sumed for his nephews in timber com-  
panies in which they were interested,  
and on account of the failure of the  
nephew and the timber companies he  
had assumed all their liabilities, for  
which he was not responsible, amount-  
ing to more than \$100,000."

Mr. Moore added that Percy D. Hil-  
lis, the nephew who had looked after  
Dr. Hillis's large timber speculations,  
had denied the statement as soon as  
he saw it both in telegrams and the  
newspapers and demanded that his  
uncle retract it. This, it is alleged,  
Dr. Hillis refused to do.

"Mr. Hillis has therefore instructed  
me to institute a suit for libel, in the  
sum of \$50,000, and in accordance  
with his instructions such a suit has  
been begun and Dr. Hillis has been  
served with the summons," ex-  
plained Mr. Moore.

The summons was served on Dr.  
Hillis in the elevator of the Arbuckle  
Building. Mr. Moore and C. Herbert  
Vanhof had been on the lookout for  
the pastor all morning.

"Isn't it too bad?" commented Dr.  
Hillis as he took the paper.  
When asked if he had anything to  
say Dr. Hillis was willing to discuss  
his vacation and other topics but re-  
fused his inquirers to Frederick W.  
Hinricks, his attorney, for any infor-  
mation regarding the suit.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of Plymouth Church was held yester-  
day afternoon in the law library of  
the City Investing Building to discuss  
Dr. Hillis's affairs, but great secrecy  
was maintained as to what transpired.  
Mr. Hinricks called the session, but  
was positively non-committal about it.

### SLAYER BACK FROM PRISON TO REVEAL WHOLE STORY OF MIKE GAIMARI MURDER

Carnivale Returned From Clinton for  
Talk With Perkins—Foley District  
Was Picked for Opening of Fight  
on Murphy's Leadership.

### ROFRANO MAY AVOID POLICE UNTIL ELECTION IS OVER

Rocco Carnivale came down to-day from Clinton prison, a voluntary  
witness for the State, to give testimony corroborative of the confession  
of Frank Fennimore, upon which is based the indictment of Mike  
Rofrano for purchasing the assassination of Mike Gaimari.

With Carnivale on the side of the State it is possible for District  
Attorney Perkins to begin to uncover the amazing inside history of the  
reign of terror in the Second Assembly District and to show that back of  
the assaults, the assassinations and the general violence in that part of  
town lay the vaulting ambition of certain men to overthrow Charles F.  
Murphy and seize control of Tammany Hall.

Since the Rofrano indictment there have been dragged into the case  
the names of a high judicial officer and a former member of  
the State Senate as the instigators of the plot to overthrow Charles F.  
Murphy. It is not charged, however, that these men had any idea that  
murder would come of their plotting.

### 300,000 WORKERS OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION

Railway Men Endorse Thomas,  
Who Predicted Civil War With  
Forced Enlistment.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—The Execu-  
tive Committee of the Amalgamated  
Union of Railway Servants, repre-  
senting 300,000 workers, to-day  
served notice on the Government  
that any attempt to force conscription  
will result in serious internal  
troubles.

The committee unanimously adopt-  
ed a resolution indorsing the fiery  
speech of J. H. Thomas, Labor mem-  
ber of Parliament, who predicted  
that civil war would follow an at-  
tempt to enforce conscription. The  
resolution congratulated Thomas and  
condemned "all pro-conscription  
agitation."

The committee instructed its sec-  
retary to keep in close touch with  
the Parliamentary situation and to  
call a special meeting at once if the  
Government introduces a bill for  
compulsory service.

### BATTLE OF BIG GUNS ALONG FRENCH LINES

Paris Reports Continuous Cannon-  
ading, but No Activity of  
the Infantry.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—The French War  
Office this afternoon gave out the  
following statement:  
"There was diversified activity dur-  
ing the night in the sector of Neu-  
ville-Houlcourt, before Hoya and  
upon the plateau of Quennevillers.  
There were frequent artillery bom-  
bardments with guns of various cal-  
ibers and hand-grenade conflicts, but  
without activity on the part of the  
infantry."

"In the region of Berry-au-Bac and  
in Champagne, in the region around  
Pertuis and between the Aisne and  
the Argonne district there was con-  
tinuous and lively cannonading."

The story goes that the scheme  
against Murphy figured that the Sec-  
ond Assembly District, being the most  
dependable stronghold and the seat of  
power of Murphy's most influential  
leader, ex-Sheriff Thomas F. Foley,  
was a logical point of attack. This  
impression was strengthened by the  
fact that Mike Rofrano, sore at being  
denied a nomination for Congress, had  
turned against Foley and had taken  
with him two hustling and presum-  
ably strong young men from the Fo-  
ley organization.

The Second Assembly District is  
predominantly Italian. Rofrano,  
the District Attorney has learned,  
told the big plotters that he could  
swing the Italian vote against Foley,  
seize the district and thus open the  
entering wedge to control of the  
Executive Committee of Tammany  
Hall.

### PLENTY OF MONEY BEHIND MOVEMENT.

There was plenty of money behind  
the Rofrano movement, but Rofrano  
and his two lieutenants were unable  
to deliver the goods because Joe  
Minotti, Rofrano's cousin, Mike Ga-  
imari and other young Italians pow-  
erful in their influence with their  
countrymen remained loyal to Foley.  
The Foley organization held the dis-  
trict intact and the harder Rofrano  
and his associates fought the strong-  
er the Foley crowd appeared to grow.

But before murder was done the  
arch plotters, convinced that Ro-  
frano could not overthrow Foley, had  
become only passive co-operators in  
the revolt.

All this history of big political plot-  
ting will come out if Mike Rofrano  
ever goes to trial. Probably it will  
also be revealed how Mayor Mitchell  
came to appoint Rofrano Deputy  
Street Cleaning Commissioner, how  
Rofrano cunningly played with and  
deceived persons very close to the  
Mayor and how these persons went to  
the front for him when Street Clean-  
ing Commissioner Fetherston demand-  
ed his resignation because of his as-  
sociations with the Second District  
disorders.

What political promises Rofrano  
made to the administration will come  
out at Rofrano's trial. If he is ever  
tried. In view of the fact that Car-  
nivale, who knows more about mat-